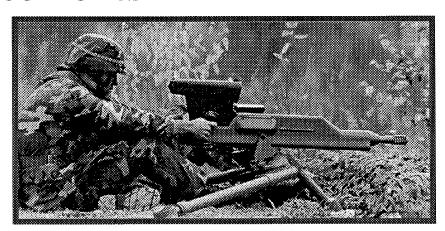






# Objective Family of Small Arms Enhancements





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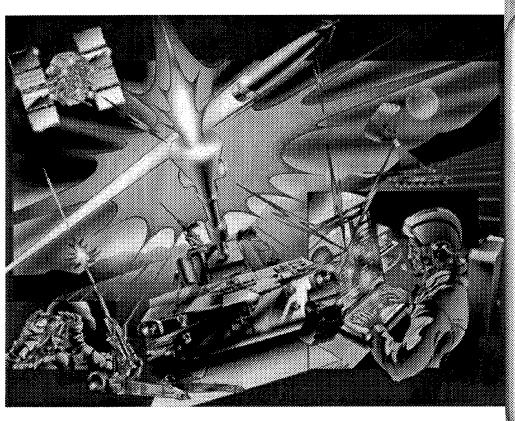
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# Joint Service Small Arms Program



## What's Beyond OICW & OCSW for JSSAP?





# Series Future Small Arms Conclaves



## **Products**

- Technologies worthy of detailed assessment
- Assessments of promising technologies viz-a-viz
  - Objective Family Upgrades
  - Follow-on Small Arms Systems e.g. Army After Next
- Roadmap for 21st Century Exploratory Development

# Joint Service Small Arms Program



## What's Beyond OICW & OCSW for JSSAP?

- Enhancements to the Objective Family
  - Conducted in Parallel to Development Program
  - Reduce Developmental Risk
  - Provide for Performance Growth and Upgrades
- Investigate <u>Leading Technologies</u> for Beyond OICW
  - Support Army After Next

# Series Future Small Arms Conclave



## Who is Involved?

- Technology Leaders
  - Government
  - Industry
  - Academia
- Military Planners
- Futurists





- Held 9-10 July 1997
- Focused on Improvements to the Objective Family of Small Arms
- Provides Risk Reduction to the EMD Program FY00-05
- Sets Stage for Product Improvements and Block Insertions to OICW, OCSW and Land Warrior.

## **Emerging Results**

### **Sensors / Electronics:**



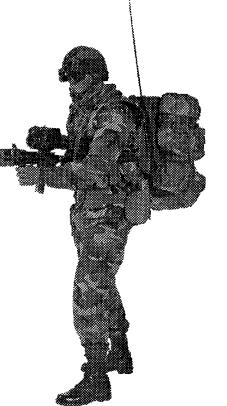
- Ranging, CID, Training, Pointing
- High Power CPU for Additional Functions
- Advanced Target Detection & Image Processing
- Enhanced Power Management
- Aim Point & Image Stabilization
- Link to Other Battlefield Sensors
- Battle Damage Assessment / Replay



## **Emerging Results**

### **Human Factors:**

- Individualizing Weapon to User
- Stronger Human-Weapon Relationship
- Indirect Sighting
- Voice Recognition and Command
- Built-in Field and Maintenance Training
- Weapon Status Monitor
- Further Recoil Mitigation

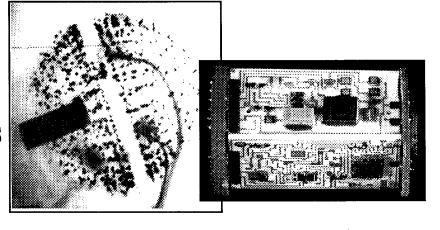


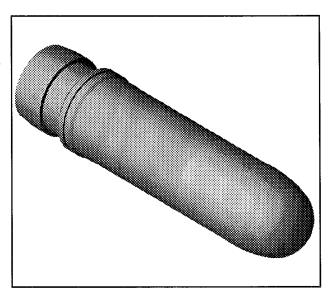
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## **Emerging Results**

## **Lethality / Incapacitation:**

- Fuze Size and Weight Reductions
  - Apply Savings to Warhead
- Directed Fragments
  - Alternate Selectable Initiation Points
  - Asymmetric or Deformable Warhead
- Insensitive Munitions
- Increased Behind Armor Effects
- Defeat of Enhanced Body Armor

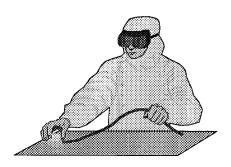




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## **Emerging Results**

## **Other Considerations:**



- HE Barrel
  - Thinner Barrel Overwrapped with Polymer Matrix Composite
- KE Barrel
  - Metal Matrix Composites and Ceramics
- Weapon as a Launch Platform
  - Sensors for Targeting and Info Gathering
  - Anti-Materiel Payloads
  - Non-Lethal Devices
- Enhanced Thermal and Acoustic Management

# **Objective Family Enhancement Program**



## **Summary**

- Further Assessments and Planning Sessions Will Evolve the Enhancement Program
- Efforts Will Begin in FY00 When OICW is Transitioned to PM Small Arms for Development
- Efforts Will be Coordinated With the OICW &
- **OCSW** Development to:
  - Transition at First Unit Equipped
  - Provide Follow-On Block Up-Grades



